

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER—MAY 8.—Before Justice INGRAM.

SENTENCE OF ASA CROSEY.

ASA CROSEY, convicted of manslaughter in the second degree in killing his wife, was brought up for sentence. On being asked why sentence should not be pronounced, he spoke in a broken voice, protested his sincere regard for his wife, and his regret for having sent her out of the world. He was sentenced to five years hard labor in the State Prison. His counsel, Messrs. John T. Townsend and Gunning S. Bedford, Jr., were present, and Mr. Townsend moved for a stay of proceedings in the case until a bill of exceptions could be made. The Court reserved its decision.

He was convicted of manslaughter in the third degree and sentenced to three years hard labor in the State Prison.

TRIAL FOR MURDER.

GARRET LANDRESS was then placed on trial for the murder of John Cain on the 19th of March last.

SUPERIOR COURT—CHAMBERS—MAY 8.—Before Justice BARBOUR.

THE BROADWAY RAILROAD.

The N. Y.-Consolidated Stage Co. agt. The N. Y. and Harlem Railroad Co. and The Mayor, &c.—The Court rendered a decision this morning on the motion of the defendants (the Harlem Railroad) for leave to proceed and lay the track at present in an unfinished state on Broadway, allowing the defendants to proceed with the work by laying the rails upon the wooden ties already down, but not permitting them to extend them any further.

It was claimed as a ground of the motion that the road in its present condition might subject the defendants to claims for damages.

The plaintiffs did not oppose the motion, it being understood that nothing in the order to be entered on the decision should be construed as acknowledging or prejudicing any right of either party.

Messrs. NOYES & RAPPOLIO supported the motion, and Mr. Lawrence appeared for the plaintiffs.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—MAY 8.—Before Judge BETTS.

EXTENSIVE GOVERNMENT FRAUDS.

The United States agt. Solomon Kohnevam.

This controversy grows out of extensive frauds on the Commissary Department of the United States in this city. It will be remembered that the defendant was some time since arrested and sent to Fort Lafayette, and was released on being sent to Washington. The United States demands his arrest now in civil proceedings, as having defrauded the Government out of over \$100,000. The charge is predicated on over one hundred affidavits, which are very voluminous. The statements of seventy-six persons show that Kohnevam was in the habit, when he paid a claim against the Government amounting to one hundred dollars, or thereabout, of adding to it five hundred dollars, and in the same proportion on every claim. In some instances amounts have been paid to Kohnevam on his representations of amounts due to parties who never had any claim whatever against the Government. One of his employees named Binner testified that it was a common practice for Kohnevam to procure him to be made out for rations, lodgings, &c., in cases where nothing of the kind had ever been furnished. In other instances his directions to his employee were to make out bills for much larger amounts than were actually due—he practices being to find out how many men an officer had recruited, and the period he had been recruiting, and then filling up the bills without any reference to the fact whether any ration or lodgings had been furnished—he only paying for such bills from ten to twenty per cent of their amount to contractors whose names he would use, and in some cases he would pay nothing at all.

Upon these affidavits a capias was issued holding the defendant in bail in \$150,000. He has not yet presented bail, and remains in custody.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MAY 8.—Before Justice SUTHERLAND.

DECISIONS.

Lorain Freeman agt. James Munns, &c.—The costs are the costs as from an appeal from an order, that is, \$100.

Before Justice LEONARD.

George Jones et al. agt. T. Brown.—Motion granted on payment of the costs of appeal and costs \$10 of opposing motion. Order to be settled on four days notice to defendant's attorney.

GENERAL TERM—MAY 8.—Before Presiding Justice SUTHERLAND and Justices CLARK and BARNARD.

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE.

HOWARD NEWKIRK, Edward Curtis and John R. Flitman, were this morning admitted to practice.

NOTICE.—Gentlemen desirous to apply for admission to the Bar at the present term must file their applications with the Clerk on or before Monday the 11th inst., at 10 o'clock.

THE PETERSON OFFICE AGAIN.

The decision of the Court on the motion to permit the master, Stephen Jameson, to make an addition to one of his masters before the Commissioner was entered this morning. The Court decides that special interrogatories may be administered to the master on five days notice after the entry of the decision.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—MAY 8.

Before Commissioner OSBORN.

DISHONEST DOMESTIC.—Ann Livingston had been for some time a domestic in the family of Mr. Charles H. Smith, of No. 100 Broadway, between 14th and 15th Streets, on which day, without assigning any reason, or giving any intimation of her design, she left the house.

Subsequently, it was ascertained that a large quantity of articles of clothing had been taken out of the house. Still later, when the master of the house learned of the theft, he caused the same to be returned to him, and were informed that they would be compelled to join the Rebel army on their arrival here; but, on arriving, they were told that they must enlist in the Union Army and give their bounty for their passage. They were kept at work on the vessel, however, while waiting for their passage, and were again compelled to return to the vessel, when they again agreed to be returned home, but on arriving at Sandy Hook they all jumped overboard, when Jernihal Murphy was drowned. The other two were rescued and made complaint against the captain. Justice Dodge held him to bail in the sum of \$1,000 in each complaint.

A. BARTLETT AGT. GORDON.—The preliminary objection to the making an application to set aside an order or a writ upon the ground that it was irregularly issued, is valid that the party is adjudged to be entitled to the benefit of the writ, and that it is not taken, it cannot be overruled. When the party is in contempt and sues the court for a favor, the rule he must first purge himself—not so, however, when he claims a master of right. Papers on both sides with Clerk & Chambers.

Texas Intelligence.

We copy the following articles from *The Houston Telegraph* of the 13th ult:

ALEXANDRIA, April 8.—The fourth boat at the mouth of the Red River in the Vicksburg, this broke loose from her moorings and drifted down from Vicksburg to the enemy.

ALEXANDRIA, April 10.—We have advices that old Farragut and his fleet took a short trip downward to Bayou Sara, sent a force on shore, and destroyed some 3,000 bushels of corn, and then returned to the mouth of the river, where they now lie, enforcing their blockading.

GALVESTON, April 12.—A flag-ship, three gunboats and a brig outside the bar. All quiet at anchor. Many rumors are on the streets, but no reliance on them.

BEAUMONT, April 12.—Official information was received here yesterday, stating that Capt. Fowler, in charge of the gunboats at Sabine Pass, had six of his men, had been captured by the enemy at Sabine Pass the day previous while making a reconnoissance at the lighthouse.

The Unionists were lying secreted, and upon his entering the lighthouse, overpowered him and made him and his men prisoners. Nothing further from the truth since that a large transport loaded with troops reported outside Sabine Bar.

Naval.

THE NEW LIGHT-DRAUGHT MONITORS.

Within a few days several contracts, in addition to those already printed, have been given for the February batch of monitors. So far as we can learn, the list stands thus at present:

Name. Contractor. Place.

1. Warsaw... Denbund & Co. Baltimore.

2. Napa... Harlan Hollingsworth. Wilmington.

3. Tasso... Merrick & Son. Philadelphia.

4. Vicksburg... Wm. & J. Son. Vicksburg, Miss.

5. L. C. G. Atlantic Works. Boston.

6. Shawnee... Curtis & Tilden. Boston.

7. Susquehanna... Atlantic Works. Boston.

8. Monitor... G. W. & Son. Boston.

9. Niobe... G. W. & Son. Boston.

10. Simon... G. W. & Son. Boston.

11. Conestoga... G. W. & Son. Boston.

12. Susquehanna... G. W. & Son. Boston.

13. Merrimac... G. W. & Son. Boston.

By the terms of these contracts, the sum of \$30,000 will be paid if the vessel is completed in 6 months, or \$30,000 if in eight months.

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